

*sub 31* 21. (Amended) A flotation device comprising:

a flotation material;

*a2* a flexible mesh disposed entirely about said flotation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said flotation material; and

5 a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the flotation material.

Please add new claims 22-26 as follows:

*sub 34* 22. (New) A rescue device comprising:

a flotation material;

*a3* a flexible mesh disposed about said flotation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said flotation material;

5 a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the flotation material; and

a tow line having first and second ends and a length, the first end of the tow line being coupled to one end of the rescue device, and the flexible mesh being secured to the tow line.

23. (New) A rescue device comprising:

a floatation material;

a flexible mesh disposed about said floatation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said floatation material;

a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the floatation material;

a tow line having first and second ends and a length, the first end of the tow line being coupled to one end of the rescue device; and

a securement device to retain the tow line in a compressed state.

23 24. (New) The rescue device according to claim 23, wherein the securement device comprises a strap.

24 25. (New) The rescue device according to claim 24, wherein the strap fastens upon itself by one of hook and loop fasteners, snap and button.

25 26. (New) The rescue device according to claim 23, wherein the securement device is coupled to the tow line.--